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NOTICE

TO: ALL LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITIES and
ALL LICENSEES UNDER M.G.L. c. 138, § 12

RE: RENEWAL OF ANNUAL LICENSE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005 and
NO REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION PURSUANT TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE FIRE SAFETY LEGISLATION.

Effective November 15, 2004, as required by Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2004, *Act Relative To Fire Safety In the Commonwealth*, every license holder under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 must submit as a precondition of renewal of the license "a valid certificate of inspection ... issued by a local inspector and signed by the head of the fire department for the city, town or district in which the premises is located."

The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission is working with the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Fire Services (DFS) and the Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) on the impact and implementation of this new law. The ABCC has been informed that "[c]urrently, the BBRS is working in conjunction with the [DFS] to create the uniform inspection/certification document to be signed by both the [local] building inspector and the head of the fire department. Since the liquor license renewal procedures must be completed by December 31, it is not anticipated that the conditional inspection/certification requirements will be completed or applicable in time for this years December, 2004, cycle."

Therefore, all local licensing authorities and all holders of a § 12 license (whether it is a restaurant, hotel, tavern, club, war veterans club or general on premises type of license) are advised that for this renewal season in 2004 for annual licenses to be renewed for calendar year 2005, there is no requirement to obtain this certificate since it has not yet been created. Further information on the requirement for this certificate will be shared as it becomes available once the form is created.

Questions concerning this Notice or this requirement can be directed to Ellen Moriarty, Executive Director, at 617-727-3040.

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts this 18th day of November 2004.

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